

Arizona Military Family Relief Fund Advisory Committee Meeting

Director's Conference Room
3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 209, Phoenix, AZ 85012
June 23th 2014 – 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Randy Meyer (Chairman)
John Aldecoa*
Thomas Troxell*
George Cushing
Kathy Pearce*
Larry Struck*
Stanley Zeitz
Paul Clark*
Robert Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director/Designee

Committee Members Absent

Paul McKenney
Carol Culbertson

** Participated in the meeting by teleconference*

MFRF Committee Staff

Michelle Sullivan, ADVS/MFRF

Assistant Arizona Attorney General - Invited

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Randy Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Stanley Zeitz moved to approve the draft minutes of the public meeting held on May 20th 2014. George Cushing seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Chairman Meyer read the Advisory Committee's Disclosure Policy. Advisory Committee members must disclose their knowledge of an applicant to the Advisory Committee during the consideration process. Knowledge of an applicant that benefits all members of the Advisory Committee during the consideration process does not create a conflict of interest. If an Advisory Committee member has knowledge of an applicant and has a vested interest in the outcome of the Committee's findings or seeks to benefit or gain from a vote on a particular application, he/she is required to recuse his or herself from consideration of that applicant as it creates a conflict of interest.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Meyer moved the meeting to executive session at 2:09 p.m. to discuss MFRF applications that are, according to ARS 41-608.04.E., confidential. Executive Session is allowable under ARS 41-608.04.E.

APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Chairman Meyer returned the meeting to public session at 3:35 p.m. to vote on applications.

1. **2012-August Q** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved two months assistance with rent and utilities electric, gas, and cable. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Randy Meyer inquired if the applicant's wife was receiving disability yet due to her status, the committee came to a consensus to approve applicant.

2. **2013-June B** Randy Meyer states needs to reduce costs and consider financial counseling, Paul Clark stated no evidence that applicant has paid 10,000 in medical, and there is a huge difference in net and gross income. Kathy Pearce moved to recommend application be denied and George Cushing seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. **2013-December E** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for past due rent and auto payment assistance with an additional one month rent, auto, water, gas, and phone assistance only. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Applicant has previously been awarded assistant and the committee voted to keep the award under 10,000.
4. **2014-April C** George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved for two months of rent and auto assistance only. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried by unanimously. Randy Meyer stated the applicant was tabled at last Advisory Meeting and has brought in all the requested documents to support what the committee has requested.
5. **2014-April F** George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved for three months of assistance with rent to alleviate the stress of becoming homeless after applicant completes treatment. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.
6. **2014-May F** George Cushing moved to recommend application be approved for two months of rental assistance only. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Randy suggested that the reason for recommendation for less than the requested amount was due to the applicant needing to cut cost i.e., food, cable, unnecessary expenses, there would not be much of a short fall and the income can support once caught up on bills.
7. **2014-May G** Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved two months of assistance with rent, auto payments, and phone. John Aldecoa seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Randy Meyer requested applicant provides any proof of registering with the VA.
8. **2014-May H** George Cushing moved to recommend the application be approved as submitted for up to \$10,000.00 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides six month housing assistance and supportive services. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
9. **2014-May J** George Cushing moved to recommend the application be approved as submitted for up to \$10,000.00 for participation in the Transition in Place program that provides six month housing assistance and supportive services. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
10. **2014-May M** Stanley Zeitz stated that income is enough to support household if they cut down on spending and MFRF can assist with utilities to until wife is able to receive caregiver assistance. Stanley Zeitz moved to recommend application be approved for two months assistance with utilities electric, gas, water and auto insurance only with the request for financial counseling. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
11. **2014-June A** George Cushing moved to recommend application be denied, Kathy Pearce seconded the motion and the motion carried by majority vote. Kathy Pearce stated that financial situation is related to business starting up in this economy and is not a hardship caused by a deployment. Larry Struck stated the applicant qualifies for CRSC and recommends applying for it.
12. **2014-June C** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for three months assistance with rent only as the income from applicant and significant other can sustain the rest if rent is covered. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
13. **2014-June E** George Cushing moved to recommend the application be approved as submitted for the remainder of available assistance up to \$10,000.00 for participation in the Transition in Place program providing him with housing assistance and supportive services, the applicant has previous

been awarded for auto repairs and the committee supports the approval for housing, case management, and auto assistance no greater than the limit. Stanley Zeitz seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- 14. 2014-March K** John Aldecoa moved to recommend application be approved for two months of rent, auto payment, internet, electric. The applicant is currently in the Transition in Place program, Randy Meyer inquired if the applicant was seeking assistance through the VA for his claim and treatment, as documentation was provided all committee member agreed to support this applicant. George Cushing seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

MARKETING REPORTS

Vendetta Art Studios-Phoenix, LLC, no representative from Vendetta Art Studios was present, requesting approval for portion of proceeds to be donated to Military Family Relief Fund. No action at this meeting.

CALL TO PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT and NEXT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

George Cushing moved to adjourn the Advisory Committee meeting. Kathy Pearce seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Director's Conference Room.